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NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT CHICAGO

MANY REASONS FOR THIS SELECTION

Many Visitors in Town--Rev. Simon P. Drew Will Open New Cosmopolitan Baptist Temple Congress Pegging Away.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—By a vote of overwhelming weight, the Republican National Committee has decided that the next great convention of the party shall be held in Chicago. June 16 has been named as the date, and the persons in interest hereabouts are well pleased with the outcome all around. The middle of June will allow Congress a chance to legislate without being in a hurry, as might have been the case had an earlier date been selected. Chicago won out for many reasons, aside from her geographical convenience, her railroad centers and her multiplicity of hotels. Kansas City, enterprising and progressive as she unquestionably is—we have been there and looked her over pretty thoroughly—was beaten as much because she happened to be in Missouri, as for any other reason that one may put his hands on at this time. Chicago is a town where a man who has money in his pocket can go where he chooses to spend it. In 1896 when the republican convention was milled into going to St. Louis, the colored delegates had a hard time securing the kind of accommodations befitting their prominence or business relations with their white fellow-partisans. The white hotels directed them to colored places, which, howeevr, suitable at certain times, were out of place so far as the moment was concerned. The white hotels did not want Negroes standing around their lobbies, and elevator service, in many instances, was refused leading delegates, until Mark Hanna rose in his wrath and told the offenders that if he heard any more complaint he would move the whole business away from such a narrow-minded place. This condition of affairs was not forgotten, and while Senator Warner was wrestling with an oratorical flight about the beauties of the metropolis by the Kaw, Senator Scott, of West Virginia, threw a bomb into the camp by quietly asking the speaker if equal accommodations could be guaranteed to the dark-skinned delegates who might come up from the Southland. It is whispered that the question was propounded at the instance of Former Register of the Treasury, J. W. Lyons, who though urged by strong personal friends to stand by Kansas City, required assurances of a reliable character that there would not be a repetition of the St. Louis troubles as far as the colored delegates were concerned. Senator Warner, in reply to Senator Scott, said that if he thought there would be any difference made on account of color, creed or condition of mankind at Kansas City, he would not ask the convention to come there. The answer was probably too hypothetical for the gentleman from West Virginia to regard as an assurance of equality, for his vote was recorded for Denver. Mr. Lyons voted for Chicago.

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Mr. Lyons was the ovserved of all observers in the big room at the Shoreham where the committee held its sessions. He is the only colored member of the National solons, and on matters affecting the race he is freely consulted. He was ready to grapple with any effort that might be made to renew the fight of seven years ago on the issue of reduction of southern representation, but the matter was not mentioned. It appears that the blows he struck against the hydra-headed monster in 1900 finished the beast. In gathering sentiment, Mr. Lyons expressed himself as gratified to find a more wholesome spirit of republicanism existing now than he had seen for a score of years. Commercialism, he thinks, has largely run its course as the dominant factor in politics and there is to be a gradual return to the questions of human interest. In the coming campaign he expected to see a great deal of attention paid to the old-fashioned ideals of liberty and manhood rights. We are getting too far away from the Constitution and the liberties of the people, and he hoped the candidate of the party and the platform would be in harmony with the higher lines of argument. He deprecated abuse and villication and absurd threats of "bolting" the ticket in these preliminary skirmishes. It was his view that the real duty of each man was to put forth his best efforts to see that the right candidate was nominated—to get out now and hustle for the man who came nearest to his standard of fitness, and insist that a platform be adopted that stood out unequivocally for the quality of citizenship for all Americans. If beaten, then let us accept the judgment of the party and strive with all our might to win. He thought the outlook particularly favorable, and instead of the Negro being eliminated from the political map in the South, the delegations would show a larger representation than we have had since 1896. Mr. Lyons was a member of the committee appointed by the National Committee to draft suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, the only member who had died since the last meeting of the body. Through the courtesy of Mr. Lyons, it was our pleasure to be presented to Chairman Harry C. New, of Indiana, whom we had not met since we were a resident of Indianapolis too many years ago to talk about now. Mr. New is the right man in the right place, and the committee did the wise thing in giving him the regular election.

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Among those who came into town to watch the deliberations of the National Committee and to find out what the rest of the country is thinking about, were: Walter C. Cohen and M. G. Bobe, of New Orleans, the latter being editor of the Republican Liberator; Campbel L. Maxwell, consul to Santo Domingo under Presidents Harrison and Cleveland, now a practicing lawyer at Xenia, O.; W. P. Dabney, of Cincinnati, O., editor of the Union and a musician and composer of note; E. H. Ders, of South Carolina, known as "The Duke of Darlington"; J. W. Henderson, editor of the New England Torchlight, Providence, R. I., and organizer of the Douglass Republican Association, and H. H. Mobley, a merchant of Columbia, S. C.

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It has been reported this week that President Roosevelt positively will not run again, and this has been denied with equal positiveness. Suppose we flip a coin and see! What have you—heads or tails? We shall see what we shall see. In the meantime all the presidential booms are doing very well and holding themselves intact, for offense and defense. The newspaper correspondents are having all the fun to themselves, however, in figuring on the result. One hypothesis is set up to-day, to be replaced by another equally plausible but totally different to-morrow. Everybody is now awaiting the arrival of Secretary Taft, who comes about the 18th. At this writing it seems to be Taft against the field, or more properly speaking, the field against Taft. The Fairbanks, Knox, Foraker, and Cortelyou booms are in competent hands, but the hands are under the table for the time being. Congressman William B. McKinley, of the Champaign district of Illinois, came to the 60th Congress with the Cannon boom in his inside pocket. It is announced unofficially that he has a colored wing of the boom carefully concealed about his person and that he will spring it very soon where he thinks it will do the most good. Mr. McKiniey hails from the district formerly represented by Speaker Cannon, and has many constituents who are fond of "Uncle Joe." When asked about the situation, Mr. Joseph E. Johnson, Speaker Cannon's factotum, private secretary and grand chamberlain at the Capitol, simply "smole" a mysterious smile and declined to say anything for publication—at present. The fact must not be overlooked in the burly-burly that Vice-President Fairbanks has ah ost of friends who will show themselves when the tall timber is thinned out a bit.

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Rev. Simon P. W. Drew is to open the new Cosmopolitan Baptist Temple January 1 at which time Prof. W. A. Adams' great chorus of 100 voices will render the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah." The exercises will continue until February 12th, during which period many prominent national characters will take part in the varied program. Dr. Drew was for several years a successful pastor in New York City and takes a deep interest in all that goes on there concerning the church people. Speaking of the refusal of the congregation of Olivet Baptist Church to accept the resignation of Rev. M. W. Gilbert, Dr. Drew remarked to a press representative: "The people of Mt. Olivet did exactly right in declining to let this good man go. I know Dr. Gilbert well. He is one of the cleanest, ablest and best ministers we have in the pulpit anywhere in this country, and any church should be proud of him as its pastor. I feel for the Baptists of New York, since I have worked with them so long, and I am praying that the trouble at Mt. Olivet, one of our mighty strongholds in the great city, will soon be adjusted on a satisfactory basis and that the service of the Master will suffer no further interruption. Dr. Gilbert is all right and I am sure he will be victorious, as he should be, over all opposition."

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Everybody is happy at Howard University over the $60,000 library building donated by Andrew Carnegie. President W. P. Thirkield has returned from New York where he went to confer with the Steel King over the plans and method of maintaining the building. The gift is the outgrowth of the visit of Mr. Carnegie to the University on the occasion of the celebration of the fortieth anniversary. He was attending the Peace Conference in the city and "just dropped in" with President Roosevelt, having no idea of making a speech of international importance, or having any part in the affair beyond that of a mere "looker on in Vienna." The meeting interested him, however, and when the music got hold of him, he could scarcely retain his pent-up enthusiasm. Inspecting the main building where the books are housed, he found the structure wholly inadequate for the needs of a school of Howard's proportions, and he decided that he would sow his appreciation of the institution's magnificent possibilities by remedying this glaring deficiency. The proposed building will be erected on a commanding site on the campus, and the work will be commenced as soon as practicable. A library building has been one of the school's most pressing needs for many years, and Mr. Carnegie's Christmas gift of 1907 comes at an opportune time. Another structure in prospect is a Science Hall, for which the Alumni has pledged $25,000 of the $100,000 required. President Thirkield's administration is an assured success. He has more than realized the expectations of his friends and counfounded his enemies, not only as a scholarly executive along strictly educational lines, but as an expert money-getter as well. There's more coming.

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Bishop George Wylie Clinton, of the sixth episcopal district of the A. M. E. Zion Church, preached a masterly sermon at Galbraith church Sunday morning, on "The Meaning of God's Call to Abraham," pointing out that when God ordains that a certain work be done, He invariably raises up and prepares a man to do it. On Monday the Bishop held a conference of the Zion ministers of the city and made some valuable suggestions, looking to their improvement. He says Zion generally is in excellent condition and that the reports at the Philadelphia conference will be of the most encouraging nature. He regretted exceedingly that Rev. P. H. Williams, pastor at John Wesley church, had been so suddenly and violently stricken down with disease and hoped for an early recovery. Politically, he was optimistic and believed the President would eventually do the right thing in the Brownsville matter, when the investigation proved that the men were not guilty as charged.

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Last Wednesday marked the thirty-third milestone of Mr. John A. Lankford, the popular architect and builder, and as a token of regard, a group of his friends tendered him a birthday surprise—and it was a "surprise" indeed, for the recipient had not the slightest intimation of the happy event until he walked into the parlors of his spacious home at 1210 V street and found gathered therein as congenial a company as ever graced a Washington household. Among the invaders were: Messrs. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury; Ralph W. Tyler, Auditor for the Navy Department; John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deedes for the District of Columbia; H. P. Slaughter, of the Government Printing office and Superintendent of St. Luke's P. E. Sunday School; W. L. Houstton, Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F.; W. H. C. Brown, Attorney at Law; A. E. Lankford, architect; and R. W. Thompson, of the War Department and manager of Thompson's National News Bureau. After a social session, the guests and the "surprisee" were ushered into the dining room, where a table laden with good things had been prepared, under the direction of Mr. Lankford's accomplished "better half," who is well known in the society circles of the South, where, as Miss C. Josephine Upshaw, a grand-daughter of Bishop Turner, she was a reigning belle. With Register Vernon as toastmaster, each gentleman responded to an appropriate sentiment, all in complimentary vein touching the genial head of the household in which the festivities were being held. In the many brilliant, inspiring and thoughtful speeches made, it was brought out that Mr. Lankford has a history which is in itself an inspiration to young men who are determined to win their way to the front. He is a graduate of Tuskegee and Lincoln Institutes, and since choosing architecture as his life work, has so thoroughly devoted himself to study and achievement, that to-day in addition to his diplomas, he holds the degree of M. S., conferred by Wilberforce University, a second M. S. from Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; and B. S. at the hands of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. As a testimonial of his activity in the business, and aside from his profession, it is only necessary to state that he is vice-president of the National Negro Business League, of which Dr. Booker T. Washington is president; president of the District of Columbia branch of the National League; is head of a number of fraternal and beneficial organizations, a stockholder in

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THE SAME OLD STORY.

WOMEN MUST "GET BUSY"

THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF WOMAN'S CONVENTION

WOMEN NEED TO KNOW THEIR DUTY

Miss Nannie Burroughs, Corresponding Secretary Gives the Meaning of Inform, Inspire, and Uplift--An Arduous Task.

To inform, inspire, transform, uplift, and to bring something to pass, is the mission and purpose of thme Woman's convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist convention.

The organization stands for practical work along religious and educational lines. It was not organized simply to be organized—the Convention stands for real work. The organization passed its seventh milestone last September. Those were seven years of preparation—of trench digging, breatwork throwing-up, tree felling, road making—difficult, arduous, drawing upon the mental and physical until some of the workmen are almost exhausted. But, thank God, is about completed. Things are in shape for real constructive work, and the demand is that this work be begun at once, and pushed until every foman shall have been reached, and until the message of salvation and or hape shall have been preached as powerfully and as effectively to the Zulus in the jungles of Africa, as to the Hottentots in the streets of New York.

To say that the task is arduous is to put it mildly. It would be overwehlming but for the divine help upon which we can always depend in efforts of this kind.

Perhaps it would be well just to tell you what we mean by "inform."

We hold that ignorance is the greatest barrier to the onwnard march of any people. To know or in other words, intelligent information, is the thing essential for the successful accomplishment of any given task There are thousands of good women who would do their full duty if they only knew what that duty is. No cause can live and flourish until people's hearts are enlisted. The women need to know their simple duty, and then they need to be so trained that they will love to do that duty and be unhappy should they leave it undone. Our sympathies and feelings have been worked upon, until they are either paralyzed or worn out. What must be done now is to create love in the hearts for the cause, and thus make accomplishment an easy task. It is not irksome to labor for the thing you love, but it is hard to love a thing about which you know comparatively nothing. The women of this country need the light turned upon their simple duty, and they will disappoint us if they do not do it as willingly and as well as they have been wont to do all tasks assigned them.

Then, what is their duty? First. It is their duty to get personally and individually right with God. Secondly. To live lives consistent totheir professions. Third. To be chaitable enough to think that other women are as good as they are, unless they have a personal knowledge of facts to the contrary; and if they find that other women are not right, they should realize that it is their duty to help make them right by talking to them, and not about them—by working with them, and not abandoning them to their fate. Fourth. To get into a working relation with those forces that are doing constructive race work and not with those forces that are doing destructive race work. Fifth. To have heart interest in somebody besides "me and mine." Let that interest be broad enough, deep enough and high enough to include every member of the human family who may claim relationship to the same Heavenly Father. Sixth. Let this interest move them to service and to sacrifice. Let it be working, praying and giving interest that it may beget for its possessor a life of deeds, not words, of doings, not sayings. Seventh. Seek the books, the helps, the asociates who can help you in knowing the needs of your race and of humaniay. Remember it is every woman's duty to labor to make the world better. Every woman is sent into this world on that sacred mission. It is, therefore, a God-imposing duty, and the one who shrinks it will be held accountable by

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IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK.

Weep not for those who die; they love us yet,
Are with us lest our lonely hearts grow strange,
Are with us lest our weary hearts forget—
Weep not for those who die, but those who change—

The changed ones—those we loved, and now must lose.
(The dead are safe; we love them, and they live.)
Far better dead than changed, if I might choose;
The dead are ours, the changed we must forgive.

Oh! changed and lost!—Oh! lost, how utterly!—
I know not if the ages can repair
The broken lives, the love that once was there.
Love should live changeless through Eternity.
—Ethel Ashton Edwards.

You never can reach a dignity by leaping over a duty.

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You can not dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.—Fronde.

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You will as soon make your fortune by repeating the multiplication table as make yourself a saint by repeating the ten commandments.

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A friendship that makes the least noise is very often the most useful; for which I should prefer a prudent friend to a zealous one.—Addison.

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Every book written by a woman bears the mark of affection by which it was inspired. It is of works of women, particularly that one may say with Buffon, "The style is the man."—Delphine de Girardin.

PERFUMES SOOTH THE NERVES.

It is a queer fact, but true, that perfumes seem to have a quieting effect on the nerves. Many women use smelling salts for just this reason, though they do not realize just why the fragrance of the lavender is so pleasing. A still better way of using these sweet odors for soothing an overwrought system is to have some sweet smelling lotion to put in the basin of water when bathing an aching head, or even for merely washing the face. The sweet-scented ammonia that one can buy at any drug store are very simple perfumes, and act as a tonic to the skin as well.

A delicious preparation that one can have put up is made of three ounces of jasmine water, an ounce and a half of vanilla water; rose water, one quarter ounce; acacia water, one and one-half ounces; five drops essence ambergris and one-half dram of tincture of benzoin.

A bottle of this will last a long time, so that it is not at all extravagant to invest in it.

DRESS SHOW ON NEW LINE.

Eyes quick to notice the slightest change in the dress of leaders in the social whirl will find more to note in a novel dress exhibition which will be held in London next January than in the clothes parade which will shortly appear at the Horse Show in the Garden. The dress exhibition will open in Earl's Court, and is to be greatly in advance of anything of the kind that has been given. In addition to the display of dresses on living models there will be several scenes built up around the articles to be exhibited. These scenes, which will be enacted two or three times a day, will include "Ascot paddock, with race horses"; "Henley, with river frocks"; "Hunting meet, with hounds"; "Court reception" and "Hospital ward," with all styles of dress in use. In the hunting scene model habits will be worn by women who mount well-groomed hunters and parade up and down in the midst of scenery suggesting a hunt meet. Several of the women will ride astride, to show how neatly the woman's tailor can provide for that style of riding. The trade exhibition, which is an artistic success in itself, is aid to have a great future.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK

With the Colored Populations of the South.

The last census shows that more than half of the Negro population of Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Louisiana is illiterate. Taking out the few, comparatively, in the educational centers of those States, the intelligence, as a whole, is hardly more than it was fifty years ago. To realize what this means it is well to remember that in 1880 there were 3,950,000 Negroes in the United States. To-day they number some ten millions, or nearly twice as many as the entire population of the Dominion of Canada.

The deficiency in school facilities affects the white as well as the colored race, as shown in the next chapter. Tuskegee, Hampton, Carlisle, Calhoun, and similar schools are doing splendid service; the public schools are all that their conditions permit.

But all of these can not do all that must be done. Woman's touch is needed for the Negro womanhood and girlhood of the South, and this, the initial field of most of the Woman's Home Missionary Societies, still demands time and means and effort. "To get the children is to get the older people. Moreover, the school door once open is the open door to the entire community life."

The instinctive thought when facing such destitution, is of blame for the municipality, the county, the State, in which such conditions are possible. But the "sober-minded thought," considering the difficulties that have already been overcome, the poverty and bankruptcy that followed the Civil War, together with the racial problems that pressed with such tremendous force upon the people and the State, realizes that much, very much, has been done by the South itself for the education of its citizens, black and white alike. And more is planned, and will be carried out. "Rome was not built in a day."

All honor to those who have laid the foundation on which, in the not distant future, will rise the fair superstructure of a full public school education for all the children of the State.

Given a condition of need, physical, mental, and spiritual, how shall it be met?

"The grace of God is the great panacea for all human needs," says one, and we reverently accept the statement. But how shall it be brought to bear upon these needs? Shall a missionary go into the heart of a city slum and preach Christ and His salvation from sin—and do nothing else?

Nay, not so does God work His miracles of regeneration. With the gospel of salvation from sin must be taught, through long and painful struggle, the other gospels of cleanliness, of work, of brain culture—these as well as soul culture—these as well as soul saving. And for this teaching, the law as well as the gospel, public sentiment as well as religious enthusiasm, must unite. Some one has said, "It is a pretty hard thing to make a good Christian out of a hungry man." It is equally true of a lazy man, to say nothing of an ignorant one.

Such training must be given as to equip the average child for the place he is likely to occupy in after life, and to prepare the way for future advancement in obviously exceptional cases. And this must be so done that there shall not only be no tendency, but no desire, to revert to former conditions when away from the school influence.—Alice M. Guernsey, in "Under Our Flag."

THE ONLY WOMAN FUR CUTTER KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mrs. Gertrude B. Needles was born in Philadelphia, but at present she is a resident of 24 W. 135th street, New York city. For several years she has been fore-lady in a fur manufactory, and now she has started in business for herself. Furs of all descriptions are made up and remodelled in the latest style and at reasonable prices. A fact worthy of mention is that she is the only woman fur cutter in the United States. Her work is of the highest order and she has all that she can do. Having a pleasing manner and an engaging personality she readily gains customers. This is quite a venture for a woman to undertake and she deserves great credit. It takes courage as well as tact to start a business and this little woman possesses both. Those who send her their work may rest assured that they will be pleased with the result. Her enterprise should prove an incentive for other women to engage in business. The field is large always for energetic workers. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained," is an old adage, but a very true one.

During a fire in an apartment house in Chicago, a resident dropped her baby from a third story room into the arms of Martha Blackburn, a colored woman. The baby was unhurt.

At Hagerstown, Ind., the women of the town have charge of the West Lawn Cemetery and have had for the past fifteen years, and it is kept in perfect condition. The example of this association has been followed in dozens of other towns in this State, and is worthy of imitation by colored women in communities where the cemeteries are separate.

A young woman at Bloomington has just served a six months' term in jail for embezzling church funds, of which she was treasurer. A group of faithful friends met her at the prison gates and a delegation from the local Woman's Club, which has been active in her behalf, at once informed her that a position had been obtained for her by their efforts. Illinois social and political leaders have been interested in the young woman, who, it is said, took the money to aid a spendthrift relative.

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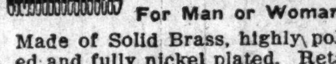

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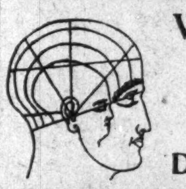

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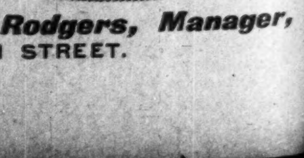

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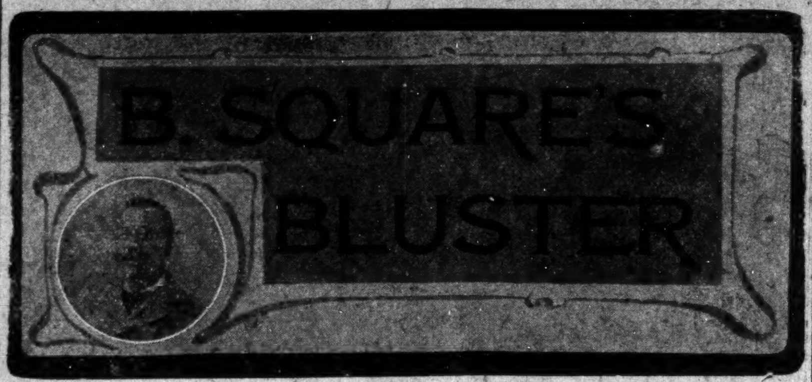

After a long silence, the spirit (or "spirits") moves me to write again for the instruction and amusement of the readers of the Freeman, thrice times "Poor Richard" (poor fellow), included.

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"**Lest we forget,**" let us, who have votes in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Ilinois, New York and Pennsylvania REMEMBER "Brownsville Riot(!!)" and its national outcime; let us recall to mind the fate of the black "boys in blue"—the just and the unjust; let is remember that the punishment was unjust; let us remember WHO administered the punishment.

AS TO "PASSING FOR WHITE."

It must be a hard strain upon the nerves of some of "our folks (?) who reside "out here up North" and in the West, who are "passing for white" and are meeting every day scores of the "boys" and "girls" from their Southland homes, who are not passing and cannot "pass for white." They have to heep both eyes wide open by day or night for fear they will run amuck with some of the same "boys" and "girls" for "down home," who will "give them away" to the color-line police.

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It is sad, but true, and true because it is sad. Now, let me say that for thirty-odd years, since I left Hampton, I have never seen any logical reason why a man or woman with only one-eighth or one-fourth Negro blood in his makeup should be classed as a Negro or colored person. I reason in the same way, that persons with only the same amount of white blood in their veins should not be classed as "white folks."

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The writer's great grand-mother, on his father's side, was a young English woman, white, of course, as fair as the fairest Virginian of her day and section. He, today shows no trace of the same. Why should he try to pass for white?

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In one of "our" maiden poems, written thirty-three years ago, we stated, in school-boy lore, that the qualification for manhood was NOT the color of the skin or the race to which you belong, but the amount of grey matter nature had given you and the way in which you had cultivated it, and the manner in which you used it. (We expect to hear a "Not ready for the question" for "Poor Richard" of the "Windy City.")

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To return to the subject, I met an old Hampton schoolmate of the long, long ago, the other day in a publice cafe in Brooklyn. He can, WAS and perhaps SHOULD pass for white. He was with two young white men, who were young enough to be his sons, and who, from their looke and dress (although you cannot always tell a book by its cover), were far below the company, white, black or "yaller" he should keep. Our eyes met; he knew me, I knew him. It was the Tom Cayton and Gus Hodges of thirty-odd years ago at "old Hampton." He took a second look to be sure; excused himself from his white friends and—fled.

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There was no need for so doing, all he had to do was to say: "Hello, Gus," and wink the other eye and I would at once knew he was "passing for white" and should have let him "pass," not for white, but pass my notice.

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Tom Cayton was an octaroon, a native of the village of Hampton, a graduate of the class of '73 of the Hampton College (ir institute) just one class ahead of "us." Tom, beyond a doubt, was "passing for white"—a white Jew—we will let him pass.

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"Richard," of the "Windy City" (Richard III or "Poor Richard"—shades of the bard of Avon and Ben Franklin), was like the old song: "He walked right in, turned right 'round again and walked right out again." There is crape on his chair or The Freeman's Round Table. See?

What's the matter with Foraker? Ans. He's all right!

B. SQUARE.

Among Our Exchanges.

In less than one week after the State goes dry, "boot-legging begins in Oklahoma City, according to reports. Well, some men will take chances.—Oklahoma Tribune.

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Bishop H. M. Turner says he will gladly consent to be superannuated on half of a bishop's salary. If his entire salary were cut off, perhaps he would put his preaching into practice, "Go to Africa!"—The Florida Standard.

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The Negro is poor and he is compelled to work for a living, and when an opportunity is given him to earn a decent living he should make the most of it. It is his duty to keep what he has and bend every effort to get all the more he can.—The Star, Newport News, Va.

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We hear every day of Negroes leaving different localities in Georgia for the West and other parts of our country. Maybe this is the correct solution of the Negro problem. The first settlers of this country left their homes and relations for the same reason that impell these simple black folks.—The Atlantic Citizen.

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Gradually, slowly the colored man is learning how to patronize his own. All it requires is to continually urge, by solicitation and advertisement, and finally the race will be educated up to the point of giving full support to racial enterprices.—The Southern Sun, Columbia, S. C.

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The Colored American voters of Cleveland, Ohio, have set a pace for all intelligent members of the race, by throwing aside sentimental ideas and putting in a good one in self defense. The consequence is that almost the entire opposing ticket was defeated. Maybe they are fast asleep.—The Seattle Searchlight.

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In area Oklahoma is larger than Missouri and as large as Ohio and Indiana combined. Oklahoma has a population of 1,400,000 people, of whom 105,000 are Indians and 35,000 are Negroes. The property of the State is valued at one billion dollars and the minerals already discovered and estimated to be worth another billion.—Exchange.

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T. McCant Stewart, one a great force in the life of New York City, is now a resident of Liberia, where doubtless he is the first citizen. Assuredly, he is the legal light of the republic. With President Barclay he has just returned to Monrovia from London, where they went to discuss the boundary question with the Foreign office.—Exchange.

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The Oklahoma delegation which was in Washington recently to present aprotest against statehood spoke in high terms of Prof. Vernon's dignified manner in entertaining them at his plendid home. He also escorted them to the White House and assisted in presenting their case to the President. The members of the delegation were Messrs. Ball, Roper, Jones, Bradford, Sango, Simmons, Twine, Johnson, Reed and Harrison. Senator Long of Kansas also joined in the protest.—Topeka Plaindealer.

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The nearer the time comes for nominating a successor for President Roosevelt, the more we become convinced that Secretary of the Treaury Cortelyou is the best man. Every State has its favorite and some strong national following attaches to Taft, Cannon, Fairbanks and Cortelyou, with even some who favor Roosevelt for a third term. The oft-repeated declaration of the President that he will not accept a nomination to succeed himself, we think to be too plain to admit of him being considered as a candidate.—The Statesman, Denver, Col.

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Typographically, Alexander's Magazine has always ranked well up toward the top of Negro publications and it will be good news to the most of us to know that Mr. Archibald Grimke has been induced to assume the editorial direction of the magazine. Mr. Grimke is one of our strongest writers and his clear, simple and lucid style makes it a pleasure to read whatever he writes. His name carries with it a certain guarantee and distinction not only among our own people, but with those of the other race as well. Alexander's is to be congratulated on having made an advance which all be helpful not only to that magazine, but to the race at large.—Kentucky Standarl.

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Race hate and race prejudice are eating like cancers the very vitals of the church of America. Aside from the colored population the church is losing much of its power. It signally fails to grasp and hold the masses. It is not strange that the masses should fail to respect and give their adherence to religious organizations which disavow in the most flagrant manner the cardinal and vital principles of their faith. The white churches will continue to lose power and in the favor of the people as long as they shall exalt race prejudice and race hate hate above Jesus Christ the Son of God. To save America to Christ a clean gospel is fundamentally as necessary as a clean ministry.—Christian Recirder.

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"When we find a good Negro we must encourage him to stay good and to grow better. We are doing too little of that. The old adabe 'Give a dog a bod name and you have made a bad dog,' is a good one. Indiscriminate cursing of the whole Negro race, good and bad alike included, is an exemplification of the radage. I have frequently thought how hard it was for a good Negro, especially during campaign times, to stay good or grow better when he could not come within the sound of a white speaker's voice without hearing his whole race indiscriminately reviled without mention of him as an exception, even in the neighborhood where he was known to be one."—John Sharp Williams in Metropolitan Magazine.

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I wish to affirm in the most positive and emphatic language possible that I not only made no such statement at Battle Creek, but that I have never made any such wild, sweeping, and false statement anywhere in my life. Moreover, I never thought so. It is difficult to believe that the individual who sent out such a report could have made a mistake if he heard my address. Even if I believed such a condition existed in the South, of anywher else—that no one who served white people was safe, and I know that such a condition does not exist—I should not proclaim it from the housetops.—Mary Church Terrell.

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But Dunbar's in his grave, and oh
The difference to me.

When some young poet strikes a gait,
Who thinks he's got his call,
People say they cannot differentiate
'Twixt him and deathless Paul.
His friends are ever prepared to show
How closely they agree;
But Dunbar's in his grave, and oh
The difference to me!

When some friend takes the writer's stall,
And writes in a plague-take style,
No doubt he thinks he just like Paul
And you and I just smile.
He's half as good as-half, I now,
But if I chance to be
Somewhere near I'd murmer, "Oh,
The difference to me!"

Whenever I try to tune my lyre
To suit a Dunbar ode,
I grow so full of Fortune's fire
My brain-pan seems tip-toed.
A friend remarked not long ago,
"You write like Phillis Wheatley."
I thanked him with a smile. But, oh,
The difference to me!

Do a good thing and people will hear of it in time.

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There are people who seem to spend all their lives trying to get even.

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Never let anyone know that you are worried. That is what your enemies like.

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A great many of our young men think they are, indeed, mighty attractive to every woman under the sun.

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Some men and women need a good big call-down about twice a month in order to get them to stop attending to other folk's affairs.

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The best of hair must part, while the not-so-good must stand separate. The good hang together, while the bad hang separate.

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A great deal of care should be taken by some girls in picking out pretty hats; that is the only use to which they ever put their heads to.

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If you would have plenty of company among our folks all the time, always have plenty of good cooking to serve and they will be your guests most every old day.

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Bishop Turner says Laura Lemon is not a divorcee; she told him so, and she ought to know.

The Prince of givers, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, has given $50,000 to Howard University—an advance Christmas present.

Who the President is for is a matter of great concern, seemingly. Is it Taft, Cortelyou, Knox or Hughes? It may be good politics to keep those most interested guessing.

It is said that the sultain of Sulu will visit the United States. In the event of the arrival of this most august potentate, will the honor of entertaining him be the "after-you,-my-dear-Gaston" idea?

Booker T. Washington has been invited to deliver an addres before the Merchants' Club, of Boston, Mass., on the evening of December 17. This is one of the strongest and most wealthy clubs in the country.

The first batch of Christmas trees are on the streets; doubtless they look good to the children, and also to the storekeepers, since the sight is a business stimulant. A cedar tree and a snowy day spells Christmas any old time.

The great city of New York is having a spasm of civil virtue. It goes dry on Sundays, amusements of no form are permitted and in various ways the big city is falling in line with the average American community.

Within a few weeks an article will appear in the Centry Magazine on "Negro Homes," written by Booker T. Washington. The article will be finely illustrated, showing pictures of some of the finest and most sumptuous homes owned by members of the race.

The call has been isued for the National Republican Convention by Chairman Harry S. New, the same to be held in Chicago, beginning June 16, 1908. Delegates will be expected from the Philippines, Porto Rico and Hawaii as well as from the States and Territories that are contiguous, including Alaska.

Indianians are proud to see Mr. Harry S. New promoted to the very front of the Republican machinery. Capt. New has been virtually the head of the National Committee for several years, but it is the first time he has served in his own right. The unanimous selection was excellent testimony of the fitness of Mr. New.

Several of the crap-shooters recently corralled by the police took desperate chances in escaping. To dive out of a window twenty feet above the ground without a forethought of what portion of the anatomy was to strike first, takes considerable courage. And that's what happened. But a suddenly emerging line of blue coats is a great incentive; so, perhaps after all, the act was the to have been expected. Some Abe Martin might casually remark: "Craps am migmty poh bizness."

Hon. W. L, Taylor, ex-attorney General of Indiana addressed Y. M. C. A. at Bethel Church last Sunday afternoon to a very large audience. In accordance with the speeches recently in reference to the race by men of note here and there, optimism abounded throughout. He spoke of the great strides made by the race in every direction, of the vast accumulation in wealth, of the reduction of illiteracy and other things that count in race progression. Speaking of the loyalty of the race he had the following to say: "The Negro race was always loyal. There never was an anarchist with a black skin. The Negro has always followed the flag and never betrayed it. In battle he is always brave and in misfortune always kind."

Mr. Adolph Busch, of the great Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company of St. Louis, the largest concern of its kind in the world, has respect for the temperance wave that is sweeping over the country. Here follows his expressions, which are beautiful in sincereness and honesty of purpose:

"I have long known that this business should be regulated and I anxiously have waited for the time to arrive when the public would be ready to assist in the duty of regulation. From now on I am stripped for action in a new fight. Heretofore it has been a matter of business—of dollars and cents, of fierce competition. From now on I will strive to the utmost of my resources to eliminate the evils that have grown like weeds around the business.

"I can not view with indifference the opinions of my countrymen concerning an institution which is the pride of my life. Hereafter, if the eagle, which is the sign and mark of our house, shall be found in a resort which is not orderly and law abiding, it must come down, and I will join in any process for the elimination of such resort."

Hon. Charles W. Miller, of Goshen, Ind., is among those prominently mentioned for Governor of the State. Mr. Miller will be remembered as an ex-attorney-general in which position he rendered excellent service. His many friends everywhere speak commendingly of the ex-attorney, feeling that he is splendidly equipped for the Governorship. Mr. Miller, by propensities, is a lawyer; as such he came into general notice, finally emerging into politics; his qualities were soon recognized. His brilliant method of campaigning has heretofore been in his favor. Very likely he will be no less zealous in the pursuit of the nomination, and also the election in even of his nomination. The disposition means much to the ticket, and doubtless the State convention will give Mr. Miller's claim consideration that is worthy of him.

Bishop Turner is in a peck of trouble because he married his amannensis, Laura Lemon; she is said to be a divoced woman, owing to which the marriage was interdicted by a council of bishops. The strong minded bishop paid no attention to the warning of his brothers of the bench, and took his Lemon at any price. The situation is extremely puzzling. Bishop Turner insists that the woman is not a divorcee in his defense. In the meanwhile tongues are agog, the papers are commenting. The church is threatening "excommunication," but none of these things move him. He has already signified his willingness to retire on half pay. More than likely it will be the way out of a situation that is thought to reflect on the church. Better that than threatened expulsion, which would be an ugly precedent, and most especially because of who he is.

The President's message makes a very good textbook on political economy, at least from his viewpoint. In fact, most persons feeling to be abreat with the times will not find much to condemn in his utterances along the more important lines essayed and which are the issues of the moment. In the beginning he agrees with the most thoughtful that the recent money scare was due to hoarding rather than to any unwise financial principles in motion or anticipated. He has seen no reason to change his views on the matter of railroad regulation, insisting that it was possible to loot the people through management because so poorly supervised. He was convincing in his argument that he meant for the best, having no desire to disturb those honestly engaged.

The big corporations, the trusts, received his special attention, admitting that there could be great combines for good as well as there could be great combines for harm. The great monopolistic concerns that thrives at the expense of all was shown no mercy by the President. It is the laws that is to be observed, he argues; they mitigate against the formation of those vaster concerns that are the deadly enemy of all others of the kind, driving them from the fields, rendering helpless and hopeless the small concerns. He maintained that those greater concerns are opposed by the Sherman anti-trust law, and that it should be held responsible and also obeyed until Congress saw fit to amend the law. He expressed himself very much in favor of a revision or an amendment of the Sherman law, since such a revision or amendment was compatible with the expressed notions of today.

The president of the Jamestown Exposition Company gives it out that the property on hand is worth every bit of $2,500,000; therefore the debt of $2,000,000 against it, he says, amounts to nothing. He, however, says, "if we can sell the rpoperty for what it is worth we will clear our books with a healthy balance on the right side of the ledger." The president is anxious to have a good face on matters. A statement of valuation is far different from the purchase price. If the buildings standing as they are could be used immediately the statement of valuation perhaps is not an extreme one. It his been proposed that the Government take over the property in cancellation of the $900,000 indebtedness against it. This seems to be the best disposition, yet it is but a proposition. In that event the $900,000 would fall way short of striking out $2,500,000. The history of the expositions of Chicago and St. Louis will tell of the prices of dismantled buildings and other remains. The directors, however, propese to get more out of the exposition, and have therefore unanimously voted to reopen it next year. It is not thought that the Government will stand for another go at its expense or possible expense. The directors doubtless feel that things are now in shipshape style—better than ever, and more than likely feel that they are entitled to another opportunity to make good. The show was extremely late getting on its feet, being half over before it was in its most presentable condition. The reputation of incompleteness got in the air and consequently it was difficult to enthuse concerning it. People did not enthuse sufficiently, permitting it to go by "default."

RETURNING CONFIDENCE.

From all parts come the cheering information that business is beginning to look up, confidence is growing, money returning to the banks and the many other signs that tell of a healthy commercial and industrial situation. In fact the panic was not in that extreme sense as were former money scare periods. The period has been emphasized by quite a number of bank failures in the aggregate, many of them choosing the method as a matter of self defense, and which promised more to all concerned than an exhausive drain in the effort to withstand the assaults of creditors. Some seventy banks have failed, but which were were spread over such an area that no locality was peculiarly hurt. New York seemed the storm center with its reverberations all over the country, causing a hue and cry that was false in the degree, exceeding the extent of harm, causing a hoarding mania that become contagious. It was a panic of precaution, the object being to protect depositors and consequently business interests generally. Heroic remedies were the result as saving against disaster; the unusual method of denying depositors beyond a very limited amount of cash daily had the desired effect. Everybody was happy, knowing that all were served alike; at least there was no serious objection to a system that meant the salvation of no one man—a purer socialism which won the bankers friends in that they used their good offices in befriending all. What started out to be a money scare on big proportions was nipped in the bud. What threatened to become serious and ugly often became amusing really beautiful in the sense of unity—all standing up in the interest of all.

Of course, there was some inconvenience caused by the check system resorted to by the big concerns in that it took up the ready cash of the small ones, inconveniencing men who were situated so that they could not readily exchange them for cash, suffering from the discount Shylocks, who were at hand like birds of prey. This suffering, if we may so term it, was insignificant when compared to the great result brought by the unique system of holding on to the depositors' money. There is always a host of timid ones that have money on deposit in the banks and other savings institutions; they are alarmed at the first cry of distress, whether true or false, and who at once being to form those long lines of attack which promise to end nowhere. Many a good institution has been struck down, at least temporarily, by a false alarm. Bankers, better than most people, know what such things mean; they saw the storm; they averted it at any cost.

The banks will further demonstrate their usefulness in preserving the commercial weal, if they will resume payment as peedily as possible. Such a proceedure will close entirely the financial breach, restoring complete confidence which means the resumption of business on the part of many great concerns that did not feel to give orders during a disturbed period. Many large concerns cut down their working forces in compliance with the demands made on them for business. Restoring these men will follow the reordering of things in the financial institutions. All signs point to the harmony of allied interests, since many of the banks are doing business as heretofore, the remainder having signified readiness and willingness to resume payment at an early date.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

The Forakerites have not been notably forward in testifying to their zeal. His formal consent to stand for the presidency was thought to have been all that was necessary in order to insure immediate acknowledgement of his candidacy and proffered support in consequence. It may be a little early to judge of such matters, yet it will strike the average observer that in such a case the earlier the better. Here is involved a sort of racial integrity, not because good words were said in behalf of Senator Foraker because of his service to the race, but owing to the wide-open declaration of standing for him first, last and all the time. We take it that the mention of worthiness for high positions, regardless of who it may concern, is right and proper. When, however, we go so far as to insist on the one as above all others a moral pledge is uttered that men can not easily violate.

The Freeman was careful not to declare for the Ohio Senator, while at the same time it paid him the respect due. It has unhesitatingly mentioned the qualities of most of the candidates as from time to time it were possible to glean such from whatever sources. As it is expected, it will plead especially for Hon. Charles Warren Fairbanks, Vice-President of the United States, for the presidency at the proper time. Nevertheless, it will continue speaking well of all the candidates as it sees it. It has already spoken of Senator Foraker, Governor Hughes of New York, Speaker Cannon, Secretary Taft, not in the sense of flirtation, but because of certain recommendable qualities, feeling that none of this makes any less certain our stand for our own Fairbanks. In other words, it has no axes to grind; it may have an order of preference, but like it is sometimes said of whiskey, they are all good—some may be better. This will also include the present incumbent of the White House, Theodore Roosevelt, who has stamped himself on the times as no other individual of modern history, even including the immortal Lincoln, in view of the circumstances. It does not mean to say that the impress has at all times for the best, because if the tendency to uproot things that were fixed, wrong as they may be, and in some instances are. But his intentions have been honest, acocrding to the written law, if not custom, and meant for the best. It, like the majority of thoughtful, has but very little to do with the third term movement, not because it is so much interested in the unhorsing of Roosevelt, but because of the reforms set in motion, and which live on in some form; he, the reformer, must go the way of all pioneer reformers, to retirement at the behest of public sentiment. His works of administering according to the law and the best of it, will be caught up by other hands and pursued to results. The Freeman makes this exposition to make plain the fact that it has out no lightning-rids, insisting that it is interested first in the choice of the State of its location.

A WORD FROM T. THOMAS FORTUNE.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Freeman—In The Freeman today I find an editorial paragraph, the sentiments of which are misleading and which, like the editorial in The Age referred to, are likely to work me mischief. The Age states a possible fact when it declares that Dr. Washington does not own a dollar's worth of of stock of The New York Age Publishing Company. You say "Mr. Washington insists that the charge (that he owns stock) is a falsehood, which has been circulated by those who know what such a charge means."

Who circulated the "charge?" What does such "a charge" mean? That it is or was dishonorable for Mr. Washington, or any body else, to own stock in The Age when I was president of it? What is "the tempest in the teapot" about? Is somebody after me? It looks that way. Is somebody after Mr. Washington? It looks that way. Is somebody after President Fred R. Moore of The Age corporation? It looks that way. Now, if somebody is after somebody, who is it and what is the object of the chase? Now, if the chaser is after me here am I. I have no dirty linen to wash in private or public. My dirty linen is entirely a personal matter, between God and me.

Now, while The Age was about it why did not President Fred R. Moore tell the whole truth? While Mr. Washington was "insisting," why did not he "insist" as to the whole business? What is there to conceal? Nothing but the facts. Will they hurt Mr. Washington or Mr. Moore? They appear to thing so. Will they hurt me? Not if I now it.

When I sold my 1,250 shares of stock to Mr. Moore last September and took his paper in payment for most of it, Jerome B. Peterson owned 1,250 and Booker T. Washington owned 950 shares, Emmett J. Scott being stockholder of record, the shares being of the par value of $10. A few shares of the total capitalization were held by other parties, mostly friends of Mr. Washington. If Mr. Washington has disposed of his stock I don't know it and I don't care about it. How did Mr. Washington secure his stock? That is his business. Why does he "insist" that holding such stock, or having held such stock, would "work him mischief?" That is his business. Why did I sell my stock? Guess. Why do I not state the facts? Because somebody wants to make dirt out of an ant heap, and seek by evasion and iteration to confuse the facts and tend to make me appear crooked. Am I? Not if I know it.

When President Roosevelt and his people are endorsed by me I will be a dead man. Am I dead? Here am I.

T. THOMAS FORTUNE.

Piqua, O.—Special.—The Knights of Pythias election of officers is as follows: H. Green, C. C.; A. Gilliard, U. C.; W. L. Johnson, M. W.; J. Pettiford, K. R. S.; W. M. Lowery, M. F.; G. G. Giles, Exchequer; L. Pettiford, Prelate; W. M. Wilson, M. A.; James Lee, Grand Representative.

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The Rev. Dr. J. F. Robinson, the supply pastor of Park Ave. Baptist Church, held a successful rally, December 1. He was assisted by the Rev. W. A. Seymour, of Indianapolis, Ind. The church is progressing spiritually, financially and in attendance.

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Mr. L. A. Medley, superintendent of Park Ave. Baptist Sunday School is preparing for the Christmas entertainment. He is one of our leading men and financiers. His wealth is roughly estimated at $50,000.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Medley recently entertained Mrs. J. T. Hariss, Mrs. O. O. Jones, of Xenia, O.

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Mr. D. Meyers, Adjutant General of K. of P., spent Sunday in Springfield, O., in the interest of the Millitary Department of the K. of P.

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Rev. Maxwell, pastor of A. M. E. church, is progressing nicely. Quarterly meeting will be held on next Sunday.

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The young people of A. M. E. Church gave an entertainment, "The Ten Virgins," which was well rendered, and a financial success.

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Mrs. A. Gilliard, of N. Broadway, is ill.

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many corporate instittuions, and a worker in every movement that has for its aim the uplift of the people and the awakening of the public spirit and race pride of the masses. This gathering at his home, in his honor, embracing as it did some of the foremost figures in the nation, is an evidence that his labors have not been in vain. Their presence testifies in no uncertain tone their sincere appreciation of Mr. Lankford as a man and a citizen, and as a vital force in the business, social and moral life of the race. Mr. Lankford was deeply touched by the kindness of his friends and his response was full of fine feeling and bespoke a stronger hopefulness for the future.

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Congress is pegging away. A bill has been introduced against the jim crow car law, and another one by Gen. Keifer, is designed to reduce representation of the Southern States in Congress as a penalty for disfranchisement.

R. W. THOMPSON.

WOMEN MUST "GET BUSY"

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the great Commissioner.

The second mission of the Woman's Convention is to inspire. By that we mean to breathe into the humblest woman sentiments of virtue, truth, uprightness and so animate her that she will not be satisfied at living selfishly, but will get up and answer the cravings of her own soul for higher service. All some women need is somebody to inspire them, to breathe into them and thus quicken them.

The third purpose of this national organization of Baptist women is to transform. Some people would be all right, if they could be made over. It is the work of the Woman's Convention to make women over, to change them in heart, purpose and character—make them new creatures. This work is accomplished with ease, because we are workers together with Christ and all we have to do is to get the women and Christ will do the making over. There are thousands of women going through the transforming process. It has been our privilege to make some very gratifying observations and it is encouraging to note the changes that are taking place. Hundreds of women who could not be enlisted five years ago, are now enthusiastic workers. What we sometimes call the "classes" are becoming more interested in the masses. This is evident from the vast amount of social settlement, slum and general charity work that is being done. Women who once wore kid gloves and turned up their nostrils at the ragged, dirty urchins and pulled aside their silk skirts as they passed through the districts inhabited by the "submerged tenth" of our population, are now either living or working among the less fortunate. True, some of these women are doing this work as a means of making a living, others are doing it as a means to an end and for prestige in great organizations, but the work is being done, and if they have not been completely transformed in heart, they will not be in this kind of business very long before some miraculous changes will take place and the majority of them will come forth to live new and beautiful lives of consecration and devotion to the Master's cause.

The work of the convention is also to uplift. Some people get up of their own desire, others must be pulled up; the pulling process is on in earnest. Women must be saved, for they in turn, must save the home. They can not remain in the depths of ignorance and vice and be at peace. Many are concerned about these low-land dwellers and they must get up and go to higher ground.

They may not really resire to go, but other women are being pulled back and held back by them, but others desire to go up, and they are determined to go, but they know that the only way to get up, is to "lift as you climb." The mass of our women may be comparatively satisfied, but they must get up, they must be made to realize that they not only keep themselves down, but they make it impossible for others to rise. It may be simply a personal crime to remain down yourself, but when others are held down because of your life, the charge is more serious. The work of uplifting must therefore go on, for upon the success of our women in this direction depends the salvation of our race.

The last purpose of the Woman's Convention is to bring something to pass. All this informing, inspiring, transforming, uplifting work is being done to make possible the last purpose. Seven years ago we started with a mere handful. To-day we number our forces by the thousands, and there is hardly a hamlet or town, and certainly not a city in all this great country that has not been reached in some way by our Woman's Convention. We have been flooding the country with information; we have been sending forth Field Missionaries; we have been going forth ourselves, with but one aim in view, and that is to make the name Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, synonymous with the words inform, inspire, transform, uplift. We have been doing some real mission work, not only in America, but in Africa. We have contributed toward the building of mission homes, churches, schools, and for the support of those who are preaching the Gospel in the benighted parts of the earth; we have sent boxes of clothing and material for industrial work to Africa, South America and the West Indies; and the good work is still going on.

We are not only contributing something to the support of every missionary on the field by our general contribution to the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, but we are running a school and supporting a teacher at Middledrift, South Africa, which school is under the Board aforementioned. We have two African girls in this country, educating them to return to their homes as missionaries and teachers; and we have already pledged ourselves to build a mission home at Capetown, South Africa. You will remember that several years ago, when Miss Delaney was in Africa, and without where to lay her head, the secretary of the Woman's Convention sent forth the appeal and traveled over this country, and raised the money for the building of that home at Blantyre, British Central Africa. The house stands to-day as a monument to Negro Baptist women.

We believe in bringing things to pass, but that is not all—we believe that if there is any one thing that our women need more than another, it is thorough preparation for the work on the home and foreign fields. To this end we are now pushing the movement to establish a National Training School for women and girls. We have a six-acre tract of land in Washington, with a ten-room house on it, and plans are now being drawn for a building sufficiently ample to accommodate the hundreds of women who are going to take advantage of this opportunity. We need prepared women in the home, on the platform, at the desk, in the schoolroom, in every walk of life, and the only way we will ever get them is ot make them. The National Training School is being established for this purpose. Within the next five years, you will witness a greater transformation, for the women who go forth from this institution will go forth imbued with a spirit of labor for the uplift of our people, and above all, they will go forth prepared to defend womanhood by their lives, as well as by their service.

Perhaps you would like to know something of the personnel of the women of our Convention. We have the finest set of Christian women this side of the eternal world. There may be a few camp followers and others who are working for position and fame, but the great army of women enlisted under the banner upon which is inscribed "The World for Christ; Women Arise, He Calleth for Thee," are workers, prayers and givers. We are talking about the working force—and these women who have dug the trenches, thrown up the breast-works, and prepared for battle, declare unto those who have been gaining position and prestige without any real interest in the organization and without having done anything to make possible the success that has come to us, that they will have either to "get busy" and keep busy, or "look to the Lord and be dismissed." The Convention was not created for any other purpose than to work with the National Baptist Convention in its efforts to spread its doctrines, and to defend its principles. There is no place for honor-seekers, fakers, shirkers, pretenders. There are some women who never do anything during the year to help push the work. They are not really interested. In the first place they are too Christless and indifferent and selfish to take upon themselves the responsibilities that are purely religious and highly missionary. For several years we have been busy digging, but thank the Lord we now have time to look up, and when we meet in New York next year, we are going to talk about the Work and Workers, and if your name is not on the roll, we are going to announce your benediction. The watchword of the Woman's Convention for this entire year is "Get Busy." "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

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Avery and Hart were a big hit at the New Grand this week, dividing honors with the head liner.

Mr. Tom Logan was given a swell banquet by the Young Men's Progressive Club while in Louisville.

Miss Mayme Ashford, one of Louisville's sweetest singers, made application to join the Smart Set. Mr. Europs stated that her voice was in excellent condition.

Lovey Taylor, George S. Green and Robert Clark won the prizes in the dancing contest at the Avenue Theatre, Louisville, Ky., Thursday night, November 22, given by the Smart Set.

Billy Arnte has opened a swell house for colored people at Jacksonville, Fla., with twenty people, and they are playing to a packed house every night. Mrs. Gracie Arnte is among the members of the company.

S. H. Dudley and his Smart Set Company were in Indianapolis Friday for a few hours, enroute to Anderson, Ind. Mr. Dudley, accompanied by E. C. Knox, made a flying trip to Worthington, Ind., on business.

Laura S. Logan, the sweet soprano, nocated now at New Orleans, is meeting with much success writing music and entertaining some of the leading clubs of that city, singing along with her own compositions. Tim Owlsley's late success, "Because I'm Lonesome," Miss Logan sends regards to all friends.

The Great McKanlass and his colored Glee Club closed their tenting season at St. Anthony, Idaho, and are now playing Salt Lake City, Utah, indefinitely. They are the first company to play Yellow Stone Park. They gave performances at the Yellow Stone Lake Boat, 8,000 feet above sea level and their engagement ran the period of five weeks and four days, salary, $100 per day for 5 people, namely, the Great McKanlass, Miss Lizzie Perry (the Jewish creole), Miss Lillian Fisher, Mr. Harry Earl, Mr. J. Triplett. Regards to all.

AT LEISURE.

J. W. Gillumwater, principal musician of the Twenty-fifth Infantry band, now stationed in the Philipine Islands, and solo cornetist, will be at leisure on and after February 20, and March 1, 1908, at his hime in Memphis, Tenn.

NEW YORK THEATRE CLOSED ON SUNDAY.

In view of Justice O'Gorman's recent decision in the Supreme Court, that stage entertainment of any nature on Sunday are illegal, a special meeting of the Theatrical Managers Association was called last week and it was decided to keep all playhouses closed in the future on Sunday in New York City.

SHERMAN H. DUDLEY, JR., AT THE FREEMAN OFFICE.

Sherman H. Dudley, Jr., made his first visit to The Freeman office last Friday morning with his parents, enroute with the Smart Set Company to Anderson. At first he was just a little timid, which was becoming to the dignity of a coming star. He was much pleased with the photo of himself and his parent, but insisted that the photo of Williams and Walker was his papa and Jim Burris. His mama said, "Oh, no, sweetheart, that is Williams and Walker." "I know it is papa and Jim Burris and you needn't tell me it isn't," promptly answered the junior comedian. Sherman then turned his attention to the typtwriter and wanted it at once. And as he does not believe in "hanging on" when he has made a decided big hit, Dorothy's glasses next attracted him and a pair just like them he must have. Of course, he was promised them. With a big good-bye kiss to Dorothy, Sherman, Jr., hurried to the train with his fond and indulgent mother.

LA ROZE AND NETTER'S JUVENILE MINSTRELS.

We opened our season at Stetsonville Thanksgiving night to an excellent business and scored a big hit. Every member of the company did their utmost to keep the audience in good humor. Miss Jennie Golden, the Wisconsin Nightingale, was the favorite in the troupe and sang "Starlight," rendering it in such a soft and sweet voice that she received applause after applause.

Miss Pauline Golden brought the house down in songs and dances. Our two comedians, Netter and Pemberton, fired broadside shots of mirth into the audience and kept them in continual peals of laughter. Walter La Roze, the comedian chamion buck and wing dancer, simply kicked the sand to death and left them and left them screaming. The Roster of the company is as follows:

B. F. Netter, proprietor; Walter La Roze, manager; Madam Pemberton, piano; Miss Jennie Golden, Mr. Howard Stimm, Miss Pauline Golden, Mr. Floyd Pemberton, Master Harry Speedy.

Every member is a hard worker in the troupe and Mr. Netter and La Roze are well known in the State, having tourned it with other companies for years. The company sends regards to Wm. McCabe's Georgia Troubadours and Walter La Roze would like to hear from William Hulett.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL TALKS OF HIS CRITICISMS.

There are feature in the Negro profession which require too much comment and teaching. It is either because most of the actors are ignorant or that they do not study and follow up my contentions by reading the Freeman regularly. This they should do, in order to properly understand what I preach about, what I criticise and what I praise. All the average colored actor seems to be interested in is to read about himself and smile upon the critic if he is flattered or kick if he is criticised. This kind of vanity, I admit, is good enough for a mutton-head, but when it comes to intelligence there is something of higher importance which I insist I will teach of butcher up the entire colored profession striving to teach it.

What I will teach to comedians who appear in comedy plays is to keep in the play and not to ask people questions in the audience or in other proper terms, I will establish the "legitimate standard" of giving a dramatic performance. If I have not succeeded in teaching it already, the public can look for me to establish it(if I live, at any length or cost, however humiliating to ignorant actors.

The legitimacy of comedy and dramatic perfromances is no wa most conspicuous subject among colored actors of the American stage, and the people of the race to which they belong. Very few of these actors understand what the legitimate standard of presenting a play calls for or what the two-worded term means.

If there is to be any genuine progress made along these lines, the present day actors must try to abide by criticism and so perfect the standard. Dramatic performances are intended to both amuse and educate the public.

Granted that the better class of colored people are comparatively better educated than the actors, it behooves the actors not to further complain of criticism, but to strive to overcome in spite of it. The colored profession cannot afford to be excused of its defects on the ground that white actors are illigitimate and do not get criticised. If the majority of them are illigitimate there is another more perfect element of them that are legitimate. The latter is the element which we do not, but must, compete with in the highest rank of our comedy performances, else our reputation as superior entertainers be outclassed in facing new modern conditions, on account of being stubborn, ignorant and lazy. Regardless of education it seems almost out of the question to teach a dumb, ignorant, thoughtless colored would-be star comedian anything.

Here we have at this late day, after six years of comedy-dramatic instructions, the "legitimate standard" comparatively misunderstood by a young featured star comedian, twenty-six years of age. Bob Cole took pains to tell me recently in New York that Maud Adams, not long ago, went to the footlights and made a short illegitimate speech. If she did she was very much out of place for an actress of her high standing. But Mr. Cole himself takes good care to remain a legitimate star. J. D. Howard, on this same occasion, quoted to me some lines which Bob Cole delivers in the "Shoo Fly Regiment." Mr. Howard thought the lines were illigitimate, but they were nothing short of a soliloquy.

If there is any praise due to a young comedian along these lines, I must give it to Jolly John Larkins. When Larkins produced a "Trip to Africa" at the Third avenue teatre, New Work, two years ago, he gave a perfectly legitimate performance, and I am yet looking forward to see him, with his intelligence, become a shining star. Of Ernest Hogan and S. H. Dudley, this season will determine whether they have decided to be legitimate of whether they are still ignorant of the standard or hard-headed. Williams and Walker, we can happily say, like Cole and Johnson, have been legitimate for some time. Our high-class productions necessarily caters to the educated people of first-class thatres. Does it not seem inconsistent to see a high-class colored production, perfect in every respect, but with an ignorant illegitimate star?

No matter what white actors do. No matter how much a white critic softsoaps the public to excuse a bad white actor's defects for the sake of a few dollars, the colored profession must remember it is up to them to deliver the real goods where high-class white actors can fake. With them the keenest fakir gets the money.

Here I might recall Wright Lorimer's denial in the New York Clipper of August 31, that a critic honestly is measured by what goes into his stomach. Arnold Daly's tendency to roast critics will do him no good as a public perfromer whose capability as an actor, or a public retaliator, is in the hands of recognized judges. This same error has been the greatest mistake of a very prominent, successful team of colored actors whom I hate to roast, but of whom circumstances even to this day warrants that they should be roasted.

Things which came to my ears this summer from these two actors, indirectly, and the traveling man, a friend of their's, who delivered the messages, is simply a source of ignorance quite below the capacity of my recognition. Actors or agents, who resort to this cheap method of dictation simply present their ignorance to a man beyond their approach, who could easily bring them reproach, if I were to lower my standard to do so. To these star actors, who have more money and reputation than brains, and to any catspaws who may try likt ignorant angels to represent them and their unskilled vanity, let me assert this: Criticism of today is up to me. Colored public stars who make big money had best not try to oppose the course of criticism which I rightly pursue for the good of the colored profession of the present and future. I openly defy any actor who will dare oppose me. I am not to be nor will not be intimidated or dictated to by actors of any station, nor by any friends they may see fit to send forward as boon agents; neither do I care a rap about what kind of sentiment any actor may try to create against me. I give my word I have nothing whatever against any actor and would never seek to personally injure any performer. I would even praise the work of any actor who I may personally dislike. I have often done so already. But when it comes to the cheap diction of an actor's vanity, no matter who he is, I simply won't take it.

I publish "Sylvester Russell's Review," which reaches all important critics and knowing at all times what to say I insert in it what I please. I will also say what I please in the Freeman as long as I am an active stage critic on this newspaper. I am not particular what any actor thinks or does about it.

As for its advertising department, I am not concerned about who advertises or who does not, and it is useless for people to remind me of it. I am not in the least concerned about who will or who will not avdertise on account of me. Actors and colered music concerns who are foolish enough to think that I am of more importance than the advertising columns of this newspaper can do as they please. I only know that the Freeman has the greatesa circulation of any colored newspaper in America, and a subscription list which covers the entire territory of all the colored newspapers put together, and quite as important as an advertising medium as any of the best dramatic weekly's published in New York, Cincinnati or Chicago.

Now, if there is any certain college course retaliation to shovel back, please don't address it to Elwood C. Knox, but kindly forward it to me, so I can destroy it.

—SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

KERSANDS MINSTRELS AT THE ELYSIUM.

The Billy Kersands Minstrels played a week's engagement at the Elysium Theatre in New Orleans, beginning Sunday, December 1, and the show gave the partons of that playhouse the worth of their time and money in first-class burnt cork art, band music, vocal music, dancing, pretty scenery and costumes at every performance.

With Billy Kersands as the star, Slim Henderson and Kid Langford, premiers; Dave Smith, Oscar Cameron and Tom White, bones; W. C. Washington, James Moore and E. Miller, tambos; W. H. Bowman, J. Nelson, Roy Johnson, Ben Moor, Harry Toney, Harry Conway, Roy Morton and J. W. Mobley, vocalists, and Jim Lacey's band and orchestra; the Toney trio in acrobatics, J. W. Mobley in comedy unicycle riding, language fails to sem ample to give description of all that one sees, hears and admires during the performance.

As the curtain raises for the first time, there is revealed to the gaze what looks just like a great big watermelon, big enough to hold forty people, including a whole orchestral band. The very idea suggested by a watermelon with so many colored people near it, when one recalls the fondness the Southern people have for the fruit, can but provoke the ludicrous in all who take in the sight. While contemplating this ludicrous suggestion of the scene, your ears ar efilled with the happy notes of the whole company singing "Good Bye, Dixie, Good Bye!" The gay colors of the beautiful costumes, the accompanying refrains of the orchestra, the blending of the variety of electric lights, produce an effect that can only be appreciated when one is witnessing the whole thing for himself. The applause which was elicited by the effect of this scene was rapturous and hearty. It could hardly have been otherwise, for the sight under contemplation was just beautiful and appealed to the senses for heary approval with the strongest kind of call.

The god humor you get in by the effect of this first scene is never allowed to wane at all afterwards during the show. For no sooner than the applause is hushed the end men begin with their ludicrous witticisms and funny jokes, cutting the most comical kinds of capers and striking the most ridiculous sorts of attitudes imaginable to amuse your risibles. From the grotesque and ridiculous you are called next to follow some vocalist who sings some new song in most entransing tones. The songs, "Miss Georgia," by Tom White; "Since You Called Her Dearie," by J. Nelson; "Who? Me?" by Dave Smith; "Love Me and the World is Mine," by H. W. Bowman; "Gratitude," by W. C. Washington; "Ephriham Johnson, Don't Live Here No More," by L. D. Henderson; "Common Sense," by Kid Langford; "Chink of the Miser's Gold," by Jack Johnson; "If You Don't Change Your Way of Living, That's the Way You'll Die," by Billy Kersands and wife; "Malinda Green," by Mrs. Louisa Kersands, proved to be admirable selections for the musical program, and the way they were sung by those who voiced them gave the vocalists of the Kersands show a reputation as singers that few other minsterels can justly claim. Each singer seems to be singing the song best adapted to his or her voice and style. That comic song, "Who? Me?" which Dave Smith is singing, could not be served better by any one else in the company. So it is with Kid Langford and the song, "Common Sense." What is true in the same respect of these singers and their songs is also true of the others and the songs they are singing. Of course, it must be remembered that these singers are supported most splendidly by Lancy's apt orchestra, which is always on the spot with the goods.

Another pleasing thing is that when the song goes with a dance, the singer knows how to do the right kind of tripping.

J. R. Johnson, the interlocutor, is filling John Sherman's old place with marked ability. He has a fine, full, rich, baritone voice, which he uses with fine effect in singing "Chink of the Miser's Gold." A teacher of music who sat near the writer and who was giving close attention to the position of the notes Mr. Johnson was making, declared that the singer was going down in "F" like a deep bass, with ease, remarking at the same time that this was rarely accomplished by baritone voices.

The Alabama Quartette, with Cameron, Langford, Smith and Washington filled the house with calliope music. This quartette is a big feature and is worked overtime giving responses to encores, which means that they are in a class by themselves. Mobley's comedy unicycle diring is matchless. The Toney trio in their acrobatic work is another wonderful feature of the Kersands show. The reputation they have made as acrobats is without exception the best yet won by any member of the Negro race and if measured by the attainments of the white race in the same line, not surpassed by any.

The one-act farce, entitled "Black Justice," is an extravaganza with few equals as a closing act for a show The cast of characters offers all there seems to be of the ludicrous in the practices of court life The judge looks like a big batoon and the court-room anything but what it name implies. The bailiff is the very impesonation of the grotesque and ridiculous, and the trials of cases the greatest mockery and absurdities on true court proceedings that the sense of the ludicrous ever suggested for a farce. From beginning to end the audience was kept laughing in howling bursts of tisklishness over the grotesque scenes and attitudes of the characters taking off their parts.

Billy Kersands, the most universally known Nego comedian, comes on in the two first parts, the first time to sing "If You Don't Change Your Living, That's the Way You'll Die." He sings this with great effect and his wife, Mrs. Louisa Kersands, sings the refrain from behind the scene. The whole company joins in the chorus and at the last note, the applause was apparently boundless. It keeps up so long that Kersands come back and sings "Malinda Green." Mrs. Kersands sings the second verse and chorus of the new song, coming out as "Malinda Green" in a serenade party. The costumes of Mr. and Mrs. Kersands are just elegant, and under changing colored lights make a most admirable picture. "Malinda Green" is one of the sweetest airs heard here this season, and people are humming and whistling it pretty generally already on the streets.

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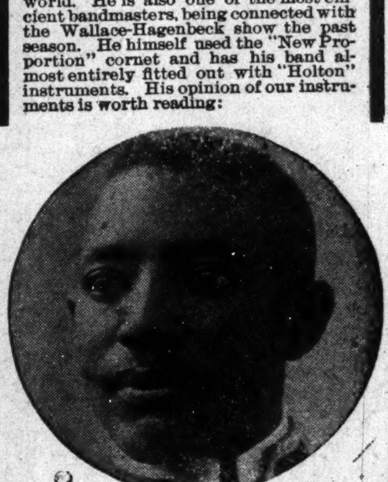

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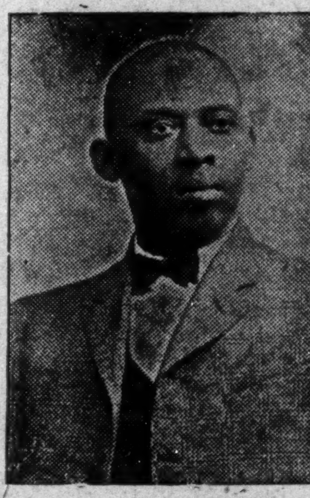
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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SOME SPORTING COMMENT.

By Charles Marshall.

Tom Sharkey was asked the other night whether he thought that Jim Jeffries was drinking. He said: "No, on the level, I don't, but at that I don't think the big fellow will ever fight again. He'd have a cinch, though, if he did jump in again. This fourth-rater Burns would never be heard of again. Why, you know, if I was Jeff I'd offer to stop both Burns and Johnson in the same night in twenty-five rounds. Just give him half an hour between etch fight and make it winner take all. He's big enough and he could do it."

Isn't that great? Whta will the newspaper writers think of next? Chances are if Tom Sharkey knew that he haid all of that he could tell when he said such.

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Just now there is much to be considered when ones tries to sum up the fight situation in this country. With Gans retiring and giving up the title to Pack McFarland, it is my idea that a grave mistake has been made by Mr. Gans. Pacy McFarland does not come in no way of being the man of the title of lightweight champion of the world. If Packy is to be given the title, we want to see where he has more right than has Jack Blackburn. In fact we believe that Jack has really a better right because he is really a better man than Packy, as he has cleanly demonstrated that fact through his past record—but then Packy is a white man, you see. Hasn't Jack whipped them, big and little, high and low, light and heavy, light weights and middle weights. Still under doks, like Puny Kid Herman, "Bat" Nelson and McFarland and several others, believe themselves far superior in fistis ability and Gans is ready to make the public believe so. Everyone knows Gans fears Blackburn, morse so than any fighter in the business. Blackburn should be the next lightweight champion of the world, immaterial as to whether Gans retires of what not.

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Tommy Burns' lines have fallen in pleasant places in England. Tommy, as all the world knows, went across the Atlantic to box Gunner Moir at the National Sporting Club in London. He was at a loss where to train, when he was invited by the owner of Wembley House to take up his quarters at the place mentioned.

Extracts from a letter received from Tommy Burns will show how Burns is situated and what he thinks of his surroundings.

Says Burns: "I send you some pictures of Moir and also a photo of Wembley House, where I am in training. Moir is a big fellow. He weights 200 pounds and they think here he will beat me. But I don't think so. They say I am too small for him. I expect to surprise them when I enter the ring. I saw moving pictures of Moir knocking out Tiger Smith in one round. He rushes all the time, but he is not a clever boxer. I am not holding him cheap, though. I have laid out a month's training at Wembley House. It is a regular mansion. The owner got in with me and invited me to train at his home. It is a fine place and the gymnasium is all that I could desire. They tell me that the Black Prince lived here at one time.

"I have a match on with Ben Roche, the Irish champion, if I beat Moir. Roche beat Wilson a couple of weeks ago, and Wilson is the only man that ever beat Moir. They fought four years ago and Wilson won in two rounds. This makes Roche's Ihish backers think he is the goods.

"All London is crazy over my match with Moir and you bet I am training well and taking no chances. Moir and I are betting five hundred pounds on the side. I will give Johnson a chance when a return to America."

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Judging by the stand taken by the Philadelphia fight promoters regarding the Jack O'Brien-Jack Johnson match, the crime of faking, to which O'Brien confessed, was more henious than that to which Joe Gans confessed. The difference may be this: O'Brien, a white man, boasted about his offence, while Gans, colored, pleaded the limitations of his race and tried to apologize and live it down.

The public was willing to forgive Gans, whose wrongdoing was engineered by a white man to whom he naturally looked for advice and instruction as to the best means to realize on his ability as a boxer. Also, it should be remembered, Gans' partners in crime were white, and they invariably received the long end of the money. His white master depended on betting on the events for his trouble in arranging the fakes, thus showing that the white men are willing to enter into a crooked compact with the black man's master for the bulk of the tainted proceeds and then shoulder the crime on the black.

For years prior to his confession and his promise to fight on the level, Gans was pronounced the greatest faker in the business. Since severing his connection with his white master and practically conducting his own business, he has been an honor to the much abused sport.

O'Brien, on the other hand, was "free, white and twenty-one," and consequentlysequently his own master, while Gans, colored, and not his own master, was led to believe he could not get recognition unless directed by a white.

That made O'Brien's crime the more serious; still in these days of pugilistic commercialism he is entitled to a chance for his "white ally," the same as was Gans, especially as he elected to fight a colored man for his first effort to follow the narrow path. His "turn down" by his own townsmen caused some surprise, as he was given a grand reception by these same townsmen when he appeared in the ring on the night of the Al Kaufmann-Dave Barry contest. It was that demonstration, more than anything else, that induced him to match with Johnson.

PRIMM MAY GO EAST.

William Primm, who did such excellent work behind the bat for the Indianapolis A. B. C. base ball club, is wanted by eastern managers and rumor has it that Primm may go. Sheeney, as he is called, ranks with the best as a catcher when it comes to fast ball playing, so it is little wonder that he would receive such offers as would entice him to accept. The leaving of Primm and Merida, the second baseman, will nevertheless weaken the battery of the A. B. C. Club.

GANS-NELSON GO LOOKS GOOD.

Joe and "Bat" May Come Together Again at Goldfield.

Again it looks as though Joe Gans and Battling Nelson might come together to settle the question as to who is to be the real lightweight champion of the world in the future. On last Friday, November 21, they met at Minneapolis and agreed upon all the details of their proposed fight except the weight. Nelson insists that Gans fight at 133 pounds, and it is just this that will probably cause the fighters to agree to disagree. No one will blame Gans for holding out as long as he is asked to fight Nelson at 133 pounds; he, and many of us can remember what a time he had on the weight question in his last fight with Nelson. This time Joe means to have no foolishness with Nelson. He intends to quickly dispose of Nelson and all his humbug propositions in and out of the ring, should they meet. There will be no foul blow or any dispute over one, but there will be a clean victory for him, who is present lightweight champion of the world.

JOHN L. FOOTSLUG.

ST. LOUIS TRIUMPHS OVER LOUISVILLE.

Snmner High School Defeats Central High School.

St. Louis, Mo.—Special.—Before a crowd of 2,000 rooters at Hanlon's Park the Sumner High School, colored, defeated the Central Colored High School, of Louisville, by a score of 17 to 0, Thanksgiving day. For six years these two teams have been at battle for the championship of the South and Southwest, but Central has always won or the score was a tie. This year Sumner girdles up her loins and with a strong determination to win makes seventeen scores to Central's nothing. The game was the most spirited and most hotly-contested ever witnessed among colored teams in this section. After the game the visitors were given a Tanksgiving reception at True Reformers' Hall, where en enjoyable time was spent. The lineup:

Sumner.	Positions.	Central.
Reeves	Left end	Wrightson
Wiggins	Left tackle	Morris
Brooks	Left guard	Cox
Walton	Center	Hopkins
Freeman	Right guard	Cross
Connor.s	Right tackle	Childress
Douglass	Right end	Robinson
		Eubanks or
L. Freeman	Quarterback	Davis
Holliday	Left half	Hays
Todd	Right half	Johnson
Carter	Fullback	Knight

PITCHER M. WILLIAMS ISSUES A CHALLENGE.

Max Williams, pitcher for the Iroquois Club of New Orleans, La., laeders for the pennant in the Crescent Social Club's baseball league, to show his superiority over others, would like to pitch twenty innings against any pitcher in the league. A Dewey pitcher preferred.

SULLIVAN WOULD LIKE TO MEET CORBETT.

While here last week John L. Sullivan stated that he would like to meet James J. Corbett once again for a finished fight. "I'll put on the gloves with any of them," said he. Many think it would be a big game of fun for Corbett, should such an affair come as Sullivan belongs to the grandfather class now.

SNOW READY FOR NEXT SEASON.

Carl Moore, better known as "Little Snow," of pitching fame, is getting in great form to clean everything next season. The A. B. C.'s have lost more games since the little wonder resigned than ever before. Mr. Moore has not decided whether he will pitch for the A. B. C.'s or not for the season of 1908, although he is expected to. Snow has always been a favorite among ball fans and would be greatly missed should be not be seen on the Northwestern diamond next season.

Griffin, the lad who held down such men as those of the Leland Giants last year, will come into fine form next season, as he will go into steady training shortly under guidance of one of much experience. It is rumored that Snow and Griffin may sign up with the Philadelphia Giants later.

HOW NEGRO BASEBALL PLAYERS WERE SIDETRACKED.

Clarence Williams Tells How Colored Players Were Routed From White Leagues.

President Dovey, of the Boston National League Club, has announced that Barney Joy, the pitcher Dovey secured from the San Francisco Club, will surely pitch for Boston next season. Joy pitched in Honolulu before he came to San Francisco. He is very dark and it has been intimated that some of the big league players may object to playing in the same team with or against the importation from the South Sea Islands on account of his color.

In this connection Clarence Williams, the noted Negro player, who is still in the game, recently told of his experience and that of others of 20 years ago.

"Did you ever hear the story of the way the Negro ball players were sidetracked?" asked the veteran. "There were six of us in the International, back in 1887, and the white players sent in a protest to the league directors, who passed a rule that in the future no colored players other than those then under contract should be signed. That fall Binghamton dropped Renfrow and myself off their reserve list, and Newark let out Stovey. Buffalo held Fred Grant, but chased him before the season opened. That left Fleet Walker and Bob Higgins with Syracuse, and thel didn't last the season out. That is how the color line was sprung. Walker is now keeping a hotel in Steubanville; Stovey is a barber at Jimmy Sebring's home, in Williamsport, Penn., and Renfrow is still playing with the Chicago Unions."

FORD TO JOIN LEAGUE.

William H. Ford, manager of the Cleveland Giants, is one who is interested in the league and may attend the meeting December 18.

PATTERSON ALSO INTERESTED.

Mr. George M. Patterson is running a first-class saloon and pool room at 717 Blake street, where is is always ready to receive a call from visitors and friends. Mr. Patterson always insists on good order and good goods. Give him a call.

MEHARRY WINS FROM FISK.

Nashville (Tenn.)—Special. — On Thanksgiving day afternoon, Meharry and Fisk met on Bennet Field to play one of the greatest games of football of the season. The game was a great one and was won by Meharry, due to a fumble of Fisk, the score being 6 to 0. A large crowd witnessed the game.

A NEW KIND OF POOL GAME.

There's a new game of pool in vogue. It is called balk line pool and the scene of its birth was the billiard room of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York. A coterie of expert amateur players gather there for contests and they have been trying out the new game.

The standard game of pool is continuous pool. It has held its popularity in spite of a thousand and one variations of the game which have been tried, and some of which are more or less popular still. Balk line pool, however, is a pronounced departure, and has one merit that most of the variations have not—it puts a premium on skill, and there is it none of the haphazard, happy go lucky shooting that is a prominent part of the freak variations.

In balk line pool the fifteen balls are framed in the triangle in the customary way. Balk lines are drawn fourteen inches from the four rails, and the balls are in balk whenever they are in any of the spaces except the center one. Any ball in the center space may be driven direct to a pocket, but any ball in any of the other spaces must be banked. It can be banked either by driving the object ball to the cushion or by making the cue ball strike the cushion first.

That's all there is to the game. It's very simple, but obviously more difficult than the ordinary game.

NO COLOR LINE IN A. A. U. SPOR8S

New College Rule Not Directed Against J. B. Taylor.

New York City.—Special.—The report that the recent new rule of the A. A. U. governing the peregrinations of college athletes was aimed specially at J. B. Taylor, of the University of Pennsylvania, and for the purpose of keeping the Afro-American out of A. A. U. competition, caused some talk in athletic circles. To a man the A. A. U. officials laughed at the story, and on all sides it was voted as being extremely ridiculous. Said a man high in A. A. U. authority: "The story is a silly one and not worth noticing. And the new rule is not aimed at Taylor of any one man in particular. Why, Taylor was barred long ago from representing an outside club, for the simple fact of the matter is that he represented Pennsylvania in open competition, therefore his services could not be annexed by any athletic club in the metropolitan district, the Middle Atlantic or South Atlantic asosciation or, for that matter, in any other district.

"Prior to the championship this year there was an idea that Taylor would represent the Irish A. A. U., but that was out of the question, as he had no legal residence in the Metropolican Asosciation. It will be remembered that at the New York A. C. games in June and other subsequent events, Taylor wore the colorso f Pennsylvania, and at Jamestown he ran for his college and won the quarter-mile. Where, I would like to know, is the allusion to the color line in the new A. A. U. rule? There has never been any such discrimination in our sports, nor will there be—a good amateur, whether he be black or white, will always have the same footing in the A. A. U. field. Again, what is there in this new law to prevent Taylor from running for Pennsylvania in the college year and for a local club during vacation?"

ENGLISH HIGH BEATS BOSTON Latin.

Boston High School with Colored Captain and Colored End Win.

Boston (Mass.)—Special.—The annual game between the Boston English High school and Boston Latin school was played on Thanksgiving day at Locust Street grounds in Dorchester, before a crowd of 2,000 people. There is a good deal of rivarly between the two schools and the annual game is a Harvard-Yale affair on a small scale. The supporters of each school vied each other in the cheering line.

The fair sex were out in full force escorted by the students.

The captain of the English High school is R. L. Edmunds, who is a Negro and one of the best players on the team. He is a remarkably good tackler, and when called upon to rush with the ball runs hard and fast and struck the Latin school line for gain after gain. As he would make good gains for his team the leaders of the cheering section of the High school would call out for three times three cheers for English High with "Edmunds" on the end and the English High school captain would be cheered with such vigor that the echo would warm the hearts of the players and urge them on to greater efforts.

Another good player on the English High school team was Harry Faulkner who played left end. He is a well built fellow and knows the game from A to Z, and is considered one of the best ends in the Interscholastic League. It was mainly due to his long runs and remarkably good interference that English High was able to score in the first half.

The game was well played and clean throughout. There was plenty of excitement.

The score of five to nothing in favor of English High tells the story. The better team won and too much credit can not be given to Capt. Edmunds for the able and masterly way in which he ran the team and the able manner in which he took every advantage of his opponent's weakness.

PREJUDICE HANDICAPS FOOTBALL GAME.

Jacksonville (Fla.)—Special.—An all white football eleven refused to play a game with the Jacksonville eleven last Saturday when it was found out that a Negro player was playing on the Jacksonville team. Jacksonville refused to play the Alton team unless the Negro could remain in the team.

AN EXPLANATION TO SPORT READERS.

On the account of our having so little space to devote to sporting news a great deal of news furnished us and sent in good time has to be left over for the next issue is printed, oftentimes when it is really stale. However, we will try to get in that news which we think will be of most importance to the reader of sport.

THE LEAGUE GAINING GREAT GROUND.

At this time the league movement is greater than ever; everybody seems over-anxious about it. Every indication points to a large, enthusiastic gathering at Indianapolis, Ind., December 18. There is only one thing in the way and that is people are writing us to find out just what about the league and we want every one to know that they must attend the meeting if they would get the desired amount of information as we find ourselves unable to give you any particulars as no strict plan of movement will be made until the meeting. Many cities have already appointed delegates to attend, as all cities should do.

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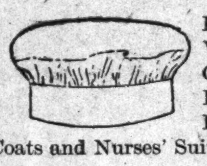
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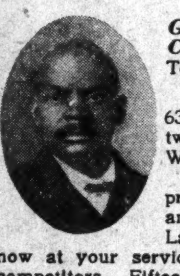
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W. A. Calhoun, a colored musical director at the new opera house, has appeared in piano recitals for the white Y. M. C. A. of that city, and also at the German Rathskeller, and was received with much favor.

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Miss Ella B. Dowell, a graduate of Morgan College, who has been teaching for some time in the College of West Africa, Monrovia, Liberie, has returned to Baltimore to become a member of the faculty of her alma mater.

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Atlanta (Ga.)—Special.—Bishop H. M. Turner of the African Methodist Church, was married here Tuesday night, December 2, to Laura P. Lemon. The bride was formerly the bishop's secretary and had secured a divorce from her husband, the Rev. Powell, last May. At the time the divorce was obtained it was reported that the bishop contemplated making Laura Lemon his wife.

Bishop Gaines brought the matter to the attention of the Council of Bishops at its meeting in June. After an investigation Bishop Turner was notified by the council that such a marriage would not be countenanced by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Nothing further was heard of the matter until the announcement of the marriage last night.

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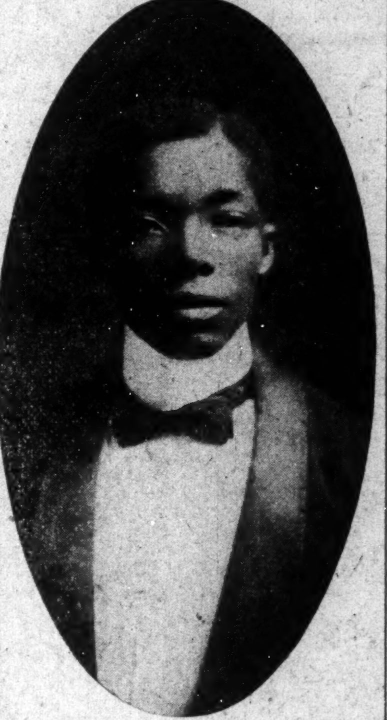

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of which service was spent on steamboats plying the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. He is a young man of varied and valuable dining room experience, which was gained by his attentiveness in the service and a desire to improve the same. When the Columbia Club opened, he was employed as a sidewaiter and rose to his present position from the same. It is to Mr. Rice's credit to state that this club has enjoyed the distinction of having within its employ some of the best colored and white headwaiters in the country. Mr. Rice, though young, now fills the same position and has in his employ thirty-two men.

DAMAGE AGAINST RAILROAD.

Kentucky Lawyer Sues Cresapeake & Ohio Company.

Lexington.—Special.—In the case of J. Alex. Chiles against the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, the jury awarded the plaintiff damages in the sum of $100. The plaintiff, who is a member of the Lexington Bar Association, was on his way from this city to Old Point Comfort, Va., and was compelled to transfer to a coach set apart for colored passengers after passing the Virginia State line.

The transfer acutally took place at Goshen, fifty-one miles from the State line. The plaintiff maintains that the car into which he had to go was not in good condition in that it had been used as a smoking car, and that he was made sick by the odor.

The plaintiff in the case has already had two suits against the company. The first suit he lost, the testimony as to the condition of the coach being more favorable to the company than in the cast just tried. The latter case arose out of the first. Mr. Chiles alleges that he was returning home from a visit to Virginia, where he had gone to take deposition in the original case, when the cause of the second arose.

It should be understood that the question of separate cars for white and colored travelers by railroad is not an issue in the cases brought by Mr. Chiles, Col. John R. Allen, his attorney, stated to the jury that this was not an issue; that the separate coach law was a proper one and had come to stay. He insisted, however, that when a colored man or woman pair first-class fare on a railroad he or she was entitled to first-class accommodations.

It is not likely that the judgment of the Fayette Circuit Court from which there is no appeal, because the judgment is too small to admit of it, will cause the railroads to radically change their policy regarding colored pasesngers. They canno, cays a prominent railroad official, be given the same kind of a separate coach as the white people, because their patronage would not justify it. The car which the Chesapeake & Ohio Rairway Company used has three compartments. One of them is used as a smoker for white people, one as a day coach for colored people and between them is o small compartment, used as a colored smoker. The car of which Mr. Chiles complained, he says, consisted of one section of baggage, one section for colored passengers and a compartment for smokers, but the passenger part was very unclean and the smoke in it made him ill.

A number of respectable colored people have lately traveled from Lexington, by way of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, for whom the local agent of that road endeavored to make terms with the Pullman authorities i nLouisville. By tactical management, it was ararnged that en tire Pullman or the greater part of it, was obtained for these passengers. There is a constantly recurring question arising about the Pullman car passenger business, in an endeavor to keep the races apart in obedience to the Kentucky law. It is recognized that conditions regarding the colored race have changed. They have become largely more substantial citizens, travel more than formerly and for greater distances, and are in position to afford superior accommodations.

They do not ask, however, to be permitted to ride in the same coaches with the white people. They are quite content, says one local colored man, of recognized respectability, to ride in separate coaches, but when they pay for first-class accommodations they are entitled to receive it. The railroads appear to recognize this truth, and will doubtless make an effort to satisfy this demand, by putting the coaches for colored passengers in a more cleanly and more sanitary condition.

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Mrs. Louise Jewett, of Paris, Ky., who has been visiting Mr. Dr. L. M. Hagood, in N. Senate Ave., is going to Cincinnati and then to Frankfort, Ky.

The American Beauty Dance, Masonic Hall, opposite Park Theatre, Monday evening, December, 16, 1907. Admission 25 cents, Yourself and company are invited.

Go have a good time Friday evening, December 2?, with Damon Company, No 1, ond Grenadier, No. 7, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias. Dance until wee hours of morning.

There will be a Japanese Garden Party at Simpson Chapel, Wednesday evening, December, 18. Something out of the ordinary for the benefit of the Sundayschool. Come everybody.

E. R. Elliott, of Chicago was entertained Saturday evening at a Theatre party at the Majestic by Mrs. Maud Beatty and at luncheon Sunday afternoon by Miss Henrietta Davis,

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H. W. Barrett, general manager of the Mutual Benefit Association, representing the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company of New York, spent several days in the city this week in the interest of the organization.

The Fourth Annual Christmas Assembly of the Bachelor Club will be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening, December, 27. No pains will be spared to make this the most brilliant social affair ever given by this organization.

Mr. Howe, dean of Butler College will make an address at Flanner Guild Sunday. Miss Bertha Lewis will render a solo and two numbers will be given by the Girls' Club.

The Emancipation committee met last Wednesday evening at the Y. M. C. A., for the purpose of making arrangements for the Emancipation services. The Rev. Patton wes chairman and Rev. Skelton was selected orator of the day. The committee will meet again Wednesday at 2:30 at the Y. M. C. A.

Presiding Elder Skelton, of the Indiana district of the Lexington conference, read a very interesting paper before the Methodist Episcopal Minister's meeting Monday, which seemed to stir up the natives on the race question, and also caused a committee to be appointed to look into conditions. Dr. Stansfield, of Meridian Street church; Dr. Bently, of Broadway Street church, and Rev. J. S. Bailey, of Simpson Chapel, are the members of the committee. Dr. McCall, of the Ninth Presbyterian church; Rev. Sampson, of Allen Chapel; Rev. Shaffer, of Bethel; Rev. Herod, of the Christian; Rev. J. S. Baily, of Simpson Chapel, and Presiding Elder Hunter are members of a joint committee of the M. E. and A. M. E. Minister's Association.

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THE LADIES' MASTODON MINSTRELS.

The Ladies' Mastodon Minstrels, to be given at Tomlinson Hall, New Years' night, Jan. 1, is the topic of the day. Everybody talks about it, and everybody will be there that night. The Mission's Benefits are always popular, as well as entertaining. This entertainment will eclipse any show yet given for their benefit.

The Ladies' Minstrel, first part, will be especially interesting, as all the jokes and prominent parts are confined to the ladies. The end "men" are ladies, and they have become most proficient with the tamborine and bones. This will be a feature, and you will be surprised to see how they act in minstrelsey. This will be the first time that a ladies' minstrel has ever been attempted in this city. Several of us were invited to attend the rehearsal and I will say that I, as well as the other spectators, were greatly surprised, the method of training under the direction of Toliver and Nicholson is very catcy and new. Bert Mitchell's full orchestra will play the entire show as well as for the dance. The olio will be handled by professional performers and will be a great feature. The admission will be 50 cents. First come will have choice of seats and boxes without extra charge.

COLORED Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

All who attend the Monster Meeting on next Sunday will go away sounding the praises of the managers of this meeting for making the arrangements whereby they were given the opportunity of seeing some of the associations of the world and their activities.

Mr. E. E. Stacey, State Secretary of the associations of Indiana, will give a personally conducted tour among the associations and activities of the world. This will be illustrated by over 100 lantern slides. Starting with the little room in England in which Sir. Geo. Williams, the founder, started the first association and traveling through the different countries ot our own State and showing for the first time on canvas of the activities of our wn association here in Indianapolis.

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As the program will be conducted in the dark, everybody is requested to come early in order that no interruption of the program will be necessary. The orchestra will only play 15 minutes on this Sunday. So be there by 3 p. m. Bethel church will be the place of meeting.

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Pittsburg, Pa.—Special.—The Iron City Lodge No. 17, B. P. O. Elks, of Pittsburg, Pa., held their memorial services Sunday, December 8, 1907, at the Wylie Ave. church, in that city. Special features of the program were solos by Mr. Theodore Hogette and Miss Jones. A selection by the Lone Star Quartette and an address by Hon Welford Holmes, Grand Secretary. Music was furnished by the Elks Symphony Orchestra, composed of the following: Riley S. Sethwick, first violin and director; Frank Hawkins, second violin; Robert Bush, piano; James Beatty, cornet and manager; Walter Lee, clarinet; Benj. B. Mitchell, trombone; Frank Nolan, double bass; William Butler, traps.

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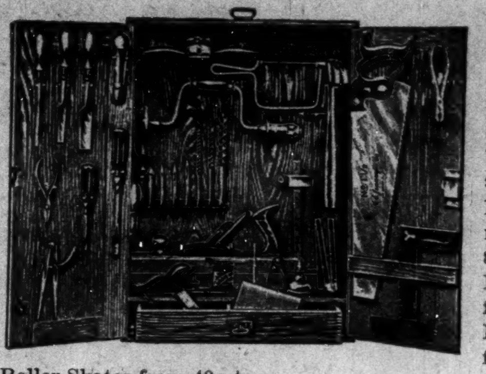

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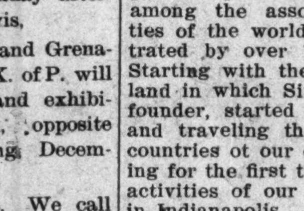
KISER'S  KISER'S

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